to be commissioned by end of August, 2005 to provide immediate relief to the arriving passengers.

(c) The project is likely to be completed by October, 2005.

Strengthening of Al

112. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to come out with an Initial Public Offering (IPO) for Air India in order to strengthen Air India and make it capable of competing with other International Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which Government propose to make the IPO public;

(d) the sectors in which Air India propose to operate after acquisition of 50 Boeing planes; and

(e) the time by which these Boeings will be acquired fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The proposal of Air India to go in for Initial Public Offering is under consideration of the Government.

(d) After acquisition of 50 Boeing aircraft, Air India proposes to operate flights to USA, Canada, Europe, UK, Japan, Hongkong, Bangkok, China, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Australasia, Africa, Gulf Countries, SAARC Countries etc.

(e) No firm delivery schedule can be given at this stage.

**Expansion of air services in Uttar Pradesh**

t113. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the State-Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding expansion and improvement of air services in view of the vast potential of development of industries and tourism in Uttar Pradesh; and

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